

**Friday, August 4, 2006**

**State to Spray for Mosquitoes: IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR GROWERS  
AND LIVESTOCK PRODUCERS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF  
AGRICULTURAL RESOURCES, PESTICIDE BUREAU**

Due to the presence of high levels of Eastern Equine Encephalitis virus in mosquito populations, the Commonwealth will be treating 159,000 acres in Southeastern Massachusetts with the insecticide Anvil. Applications are scheduled to begin on Monday, August 7 2006 at approximately 8 pm (weather permitting). They are expected to continue until after midnight. This date is subject to change depending on weather and other factors.

Anvil contains the active ingredient sumithrin. Sumithrin is not approved for use on food crops, fodder crops, pasture or grazing areas. While the application is not expected to leave a detectable residue on food crops, pastures or forage crops, livestock cannot be grazed in treated areas for 48 hours after the application. Further, food crops, hay and other fodder crops cannot be harvested for 48 hours after the applications. These prohibitions are MANDATORY. Growers who need an uninterrupted supply of produce may want to harvest prior to Monday evening. Certified organic farms will be excluded from the application areas.

Applications will be made to the entire towns of Middleborough, Carver, Kingston, Plympton, and Lakeville; and partial areas of the following towns, New Bedford, Acushnet, Duxbury, Halifax, Bridgewater, Raynham, Freetown, Taunton, Rochester, Plymouth, Pembroke, Berkley, and Dartmouth and Wareham.

Again, the Department would like to stress that while it is a legal requirement, these requirements are being implemented as an extra level of safety. Detectable residues are not expected with this application. Applications of the same chemical made in California at maximum label application rates resulted in residues below the level of detection.

Check [www.mass.gov/agr](http://www.mass.gov/agr) for information on this spray operation including timing of applications and areas to be treated. Producers who have questions from buyers or consumers may refer them to 617.626.1771.